

**To:** Lindsey Smith[lmsmi@umich.edu]  
**From:** Arcaute, Francisco  
**Sent:** Wed 3/26/2014 8:03:53 PM  
**Subject:** RE: BP Lake MI spill update - media inquiry

Lindsay –

We issued this yesterday. We hope to have updates later today. I will share when available.

In the interest of your deadline, you may want to call the US Coast Guard, Chief Alan Haraf, 216 389 0420, perhaps they have someone readily available.

Thanks

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### **U.S. EPA Response to the BP Whiting Oil Spill**

Chicago (March 25, 2014) --The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is responding to the spill of an unknown volume of oil into Lake Michigan from the BP refinery in Whiting, Indiana. BP notified the federal government's National Response Center on March 24, 2014 at 5:25 p.m. that a spill had occurred.

EPA has issued a Notice of Federal Interest, which formally advises BP of the federal government's involvement in the spill and directs the company to conduct a cleanup. Under EPA oversight, BP has deployed more than 2,000 feet of boom to contain the oil. In addition, the company has used vacuum trucks to remove about 5,200 gallons of an oil/water mixture from the spill location. BP crews also are combing a nearby company-owned beach for oil globs and conducting air monitoring to ensure the safety of the public. The U.S. Coast Guard has flown over the area and has not observed any visible sheen beyond the boomed area.

EPA will continue to work with the U.S. Coast Guard, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and BP to take measures to contain and clean up the oil. At this point there is no estimate of cleanup cost or duration.

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**From:** Lindsey Smith [mailto:[lmsmi@umich.edu](mailto:lmsmi@umich.edu)]  
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I'm sure you're swamped ... getting close to the end of the business day in my time zone so I thought I'd check back again. Is anyone from EPA available for a quick phoner?

On Wed, Mar 26, 2014 at 8:50 AM, Lindsey Smith <[lmsmi@umich.edu](mailto:lmsmi@umich.edu)> wrote:

Hi Francisco,

Could you please give me an update on this oil spill in Lake Michigan this morning? Any chance someone can do a phone interview? Please let me know either way. Thanks.

All the best,

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